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[ ] called to make arrangements to bring [ ] on the Boston staff of Representative Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., (D., Mass.) to Headquarters for lunch on Wednesday, 21 August. [ ] and I will be meeting with [ ] to give him an informal briefing on the Agency and a short tour around the building.

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[ ] - LLM) Called [ ] Westphal, Senior Staff Consultant, House Foreign Affairs Committee, to bring him up-to-date on my conversation yesterday with Chairman Wayne L. Hays (D., Ohio), Subcommittee on State Department Organization and Foreign Operations, concerning our problems with a possible Muskie-type amendment to the State authorization bill (H.R. 16168) on role of the ambassador. Westphal clearly understands that the name of the game is to defeat an amendment on the floor and that a proposed language change in the amendment is a fall-back position, as the Administration may wish to oppose the provision in principle. In response to Westphal's query as to whether we had been in touch with the House Armed Services Committee, I noted that we have talked to the staff, who seemed favorable to our point of view and who would keep their principals informed. Westphal informed me that the State authorization bill will be coming up tomorrow and the only possibility would be a floor amendment. He said if one of us got down to the Hill today we should stop by his office and get the back-up material he had prepared.

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[ ] - JGO) I received a call from Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me the GAO report on their review of Agency negotiations concerning Air Asia has been received and that it gives us a clean bill of health. After some discussion, it was agreed that there is no reason that the Agency should not go ahead now, if otherwise ready, and finalize the transfer application and contract. John McMahon, A-DDA, Charles Kane, D/OS, and [ ] Deputy General Counsel, have been advised.

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